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Test yourself- Are you a Christian?

Part 04

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1 John 3:13, Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you.

Cain hated Abel and murdered him.

Why did Cain do that?

1 John 3:12, *We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.*

Have you experienced animosity, hostility, rejection, bitterness, alienation, ostracism, prejudice, or outright persecution from representing and advocating what is right?

If so, that's a sign that you belong to One who suffered the same way for the same reason.

1 Corinthians 4:13, *being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.*

You are a threat to their belief that this world is all that's worth living for.

1 Peter 4:4, *In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.*

Philippians 1:28, *and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.*

When suffering on account of your faith, don't say, "Can I really be a Christian? Things are going so badly—I wonder if God cares."

Rather, if the world is persecuting you, say, "Isn't this truly wonderful! It's pretty clear who I am."

The demon knows about us!

More than anyone else!

When the world and the spirit of Satan behind it come after you, you too have the right to be confirmed if you are hated because of righteousness.

Now, if you are hated because you are horrible, there's no virtue in that!

1 Peter 2:20-25, *For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.* ²¹ *For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:* ²² *"Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";* ²³ *who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;* ²⁴ *who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.* ²⁵ *For you*

were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Part of that favour is being assured of your salvation.

The apostle John gave all the tests that he did to give the true believer a biblical basis for confidence.

If you pass those tests, you can have confidence before God.

Why did Apostle John wrote the Gospel?

John 20:31, but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Why did Apostle John wrote this letter?

1 John 5:13, These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.